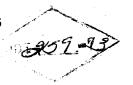
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The Honorable Frederick B. Dent The Secretary of Commerce Washington, D. C. 20230

Dear Mr. Secretary:

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At our meeting earlier this month we discussed the various kinds of information and analyses about foreign economic developments that this Agency could provide the Department of Commerce. One of these was background data on officials of foreign countries. When I pointed out the importance of keeping this kind of data up to date by getting feedback from US officials who had dealt with them, you offered to arrange for some of the people at Commerce to provide supplementary information on those Soviet and Polish officials whom they met.

has sent me the list of such Soviet and Polish
officials, and we have assembled a collection of current
biographies on them. It seems to me that the best way to
accomplish this task is to have a single point of contact in your
Department, like Mr. Steven Lazarus, arrange to have these
biographies reviewed and updated. If you agree, please have
Mr. Lazarus contact Mr. Harry Eisenbeiss of my staff who is
prepared to deliver the biographies to Mr. Lazarus and to assist
him in this task. Mr. Eisenbeiss can be reached on Interagency
Dial System number

I also plan to arrange personal interviews with Secretary Lynn and Mr. Peterson to obtain their views on the top personalities with whom they met in the USSR and Poland.

I wish to thank you for your understanding and the cooperation I am sure we will get in this mutually beneficial endeavor.

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	Edward W. Proctor
	Deputy Director for Intelligence
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